

4X4™

OFF ROAD RACING

For Commodore 64/128, Spectrum, Amstrad CPC, IBM PC and compatibles

Ready To Roll

Gear up and get ready. 'Cause this is rough and tumble, off-road racing at its grittiest.

You'll start by choosing from four torturous courses. Brave the rugged Baja. Belt through the sweltering Death Valley. Go "bogging" in the mudflats of Georgia. Or take on the treachery of Michigan in winter.

Once you've settled on a course, you pick your rig. Choose between a big American beast, a classic pick-up, a Japanese import or a British military vehicle. Your choice might be determined by the terrain you're going to be travelling through. But then again, it might not.

Once you get your new 4x4 out of the showroom, bring it over to AUTOPARTS row. It's here that you'll make it all yours. Give it bigger and better tyres. Build in more power. And equip it with all the extras you'll need to get past the finish line.

Finally — when you're sure that it's all just perfect — you're ready to put your 4x4 to the true test: The Race. But it won't be all that easy. There'll be armies of obstacles along the way. Dodge 'em. Or use 'em to make your rig airborne. There'll be rivers to cross. Ice patches to manoeuvre. And quick-sinking mud to worm your way out of. Plus there's the competition: the other racers. And some of them are downright impolite — and that's putting it politely.

So get it in gear and get your 4x4 on the off-road to victory.

Loading and Start Up

For Commodore 64/128 Disk

• Set up your Commodore Computer as shown in the owner's manual. NOTE: For Commodore 128, set system to C64 mode.

• Turn on your computer and disk drive.

• Plug a joystick into port #2.

• Insert the disk and type LOAD "", 8,1 and press RETURN.

With the EPYX FASTLOAD™ cartridge

• Turn on the computer and disk drive.

• Insert disk into the disk drive, label side up.

• Press the C= (Commodore) key and the RUN/STOP key to load the program.

For the IBM PC and compatibles

• Set up your IBM PC or compatible as shown in the owner's manual.

• Plug your joystick as shown in the owner's manual or refer to the keyboard command card for keyboard controls.

• Insert your DOS disk into the disk drive (drive A on a two drive system), and turn on your computer.

• When DOS is loaded, insert disk into the disk drive, label side up.

• Type the command 4x4 and press ENTER to load the program.

Commodore 64/128 Cassette

• Press SHIFT and RUN/STOP keys together.

• Press PLAY on your cassette recorder.

Spectrum 48/128K, +2, +3 Cassette:

• Type LOAD "" and press ENTER. Press PLAY on your cassette recorder.

Amstrad CPC Cassette

• Press CTRL and small ENTER keys together.

• Press PLAY on your cassette recorder.

Amstrad CPC Disk

• Type RUN*DISK and press ENTER. The game will load and run automatically.

Pick Your Own Torture Test

Once the loading sequence is complete, press the FIRE BUTTON to view the SELECT TERRAIN and SELECT LEVEL screen. It is here that you determine just where it is you plan to punish your customised super rig.

SELECT TERRAIN

Choose between four types of treacherous terrain. To select one of the four areas, move the joystick FORWARD or BACK to highlight the TERRAIN of your choice. Then move the joystick RIGHT or LEFT to select your LEVEL.

1. BAJA — 1,000 miles of the roughest, toughest survival tests on earth. From dry dusty desert and caked, crusty lake beds to boulder-strewn mountain plateaus. Take it head on — if you can.

2. DEATH VALLEY — They don't call it Death Valley for nothing.

This treacherous desert terrain will rip your spirit as harshly as it rips into your truck. So try to keep cool, no matter how hot things get.

3. GEORGIA — If you like mudbogging, you're going to go for this trip in a big way. Mile after mile of some of the slimiest stuff the Eastern Seaboard has to offer. So get out there and get in it.

4. MICHIGAN — Snow, ice, mud and winter madness. When it comes to finding nature at her worst, this place has got it. Make sure you've got the right tyres. (And make sure your heater works). Then punch it!

SELECT LEVEL

You can adjust your races for different levels of off-road prowess. Choose your LEVEL by pressing the joystick UP and DOWN to highlight your choice. When both your TERRAIN and your LEVEL have been selected, press the FIRE BUTTON.

These are the LEVELS you can choose from:

1. BEGINNER — This is a good place to start. At this level, you don't customise your truck. You go directly to the race. And your truck automatically has very high endurance.

2. AMATEUR — As you build in initial confidence, move up to this gear.

3. SEMI-PRO — For a true 4x4 Torture Test.

4. PROFESSIONAL — You've gotta be crazy to try this one!

Choosing Your Four Wheeler

There are four different types of basic trucks to choose from. They are:

The Race Is On

The Stormtrooper, from Cox Motors

— This big American workhorse comes with a built-on "cap". So you can save your money for some of those big American tyres.

Tarantula, made by Venerable Motors

— A heavy metal American pick-up that's built for action. Any kind of action.

The Highlander, by Tartan Lorrie

— From Great Britain, this military-style, jeep-like vehicle was designed for the bleaker reaches of Her Majesty's empire.

The Party's Over

Once you've customised your rig and purchased your equipment, you're ready for the big race.

To start the race — move your 'man' (using the joystick) over to the far right section of the screen. Then press the FIRE BUTTON. You will now be instructed to flip the disk over. Do so and press the FIRE BUTTON when prompted. (Follow screen prompts — cassette).

Go For It

The day you've been working and waiting for is finally here: the day of the race. It's the day you test your truck, your talents and your instincts against nature herself — and against the other 4x4s in your class. When the man at the start of the race waves the green flag, put the pedal to the metal!

To start the engine — press the FIRE BUTTON.

To steer right or left — move joystick RIGHT or LEFT.

To accelerate — press the FIRE BUTTON.

To slow down gradually — pull joystick BACK.

To slam on brakes — Push joystick FORWARD.

Warning: Crashing early in the race makes it difficult to catch up to the other racers.

Hot Tips for Beating 'em Cold

• Remember to pace yourself. The faster you go, the more fuel you'll burn. And it's a long, long way to the finish line.

• You know those icky obstacles you're always trying to avoid? Well, they do come in handy sometimes. Use them to jump over rivers and mud bogs.

• Big boulders do big damage to even the heaviest metal. So avoid them at all costs.

• CHECKPOINTS are great — if you can afford the time. So don't make repairs unless it's absolutely necessary.

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